

Mr. Ward states in his petition that, "Thus, the Commission's immediate removal of the telegraphy requirement from amateur radio licensing is appropriate and clearly in the public interest."

I take exception with this comment and refute its' validity. It is, on the other hand, in the best interest of the United States; and it's security, to maintain the Amateur Radio Service as the most thoroughly and highly trained group of radio amateurs in the world. The Commission can accomplish this by raising the standards for obtaining an Amateur Radio license; and not lowering them.